



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment
Title XIX, Social Security Act
Transmittal #2017-0008

Dear Ms. Roberts:

Please find attached an amendment for North Carolina's State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act for the Medical Assistance Program. The affected page is Attachment 4.19-B, Section 7, Page 4.

This state plan revises the reimbursement for Durable Medical Equipment – Blood Glucose Testing Equipment & Supplies. This State Plan increases the SMAC rate for Blood Glucose Testing Equipment and Supplies.

This amendment is effective January 1, 2018.

Your approval of this state plan amendment is requested. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Teresa Smith or me at 919-855-4116.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy T. Cohen".

for Mandy Cohen, MD, MPH
Secretary

Enclosures

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PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE

- (b) Participation in the program is limited to providers who accept, as payment in full, the amounts paid in accordance with this plan.
- (c) In all circumstances involving third party payment, Medicaid is the payor of last resort. Any amounts paid by non-Medicaid sources are deducted in determining Medicaid payment. For patients with both Medicare and Medicaid coverage, Medicaid payment is limited to the amount of Medicare-related deductibles and/or coinsurance for services, supplies and equipment covered under the Medicare program.
- (d) Excess payments may be recouped from any provider found to be billing amounts in excess of its customary charges, or costs if charges are nominal.

B. DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:

- (a) Payment for each claim for durable medical equipment and associated supplies shall be equal to the lower of the supplier's usual and customary billed charges or the maximum fee established for each item of durable medical equipment or related supply. The maximum fees are set at the Medicaid fee schedule in effect on July 1, 2012. The DME fee schedule is published on the NC Division of Medical Assistance Web site at <http://dma.ncdhhs.gov/providers/fee-schedules?page=1>. Fees for added equipment shall be at Medicare Part B Fees. If a Medicare fee cannot be obtained for added equipment, then the fee shall be based on an estimate of reasonable cost. [The maximum allowable fee may be adjusted for any changes resulting from market and cost analysis conducted by the Division of Medical Assistance.] There shall be no retroactive payment adjustments for fee changes.
- (b) Effective January 1, 2018 blood glucose testing equipment and supplies shall be reimbursed based on the NC Division of Medical Assistance current State Maximum Allowable Cost. Blood glucose testing equipment and supplies are defined as blood glucose monitors, blood glucose test strips, lancing devices, lancets, and control solution.
- (c) Each equipment item shall be assigned to one of the following categories of payment methods:
 - (1) Purchase fee paid for inexpensive, routinely purchased, and customized equipment, and DME Supplies.